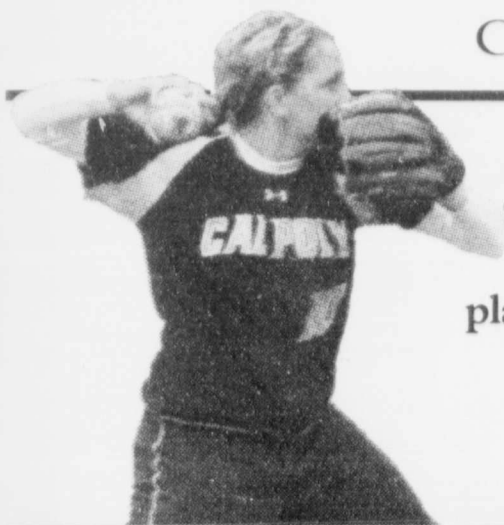


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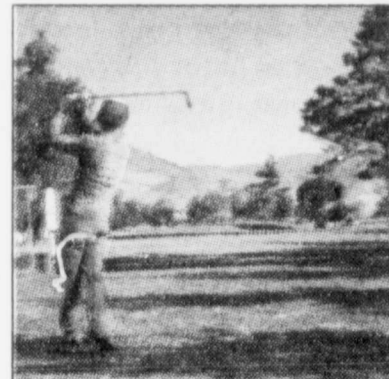


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"I would really like to see us freeze the CBF fees for five years after this."

—Angela Kramer
ASI President

"The university was faced with a really stark future if we didn't get this recommendation from the students."

—Robert Koob
Cal Poly Provost

Yes 78%

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Percentage of student body who voted: **47%** (8,998 votes)

Schwarzenegger decries capital's dysfunction

Juliet Williams
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger said Thursday he wants bipartisan support for a package of budget-related measures on the ballot this May but also slammed critics, calling them defenders of the status quo.

The Republican governor took swipes at what he said were extremists during an address to The Commonwealth Club. He blasted fellow Republicans who oppose all tax increases because of ideology and Democrats who he says have fostered a "more, more, more" spending mentality in the state capital.

Schwarzenegger defended the compromise he reached with legislative leaders last month to close the state's budget shortfall, which he called a "\$42 billion Valley of Doom." It included billions in spending cuts, temporary tax increases and borrowing, but much of the plan's success depends

on voters approving the measures during the May 19 special election.

"Those who say that we could balance the budget through spending cuts alone are guilty of political cynicism at its worst. Those are not serious people," he said.

But he added that anyone who thinks the budget could be balanced through taxes alone has a "total economic ignorance and lack of math skills. Their grasp of economics must come from living in a hippie commune or something like that."

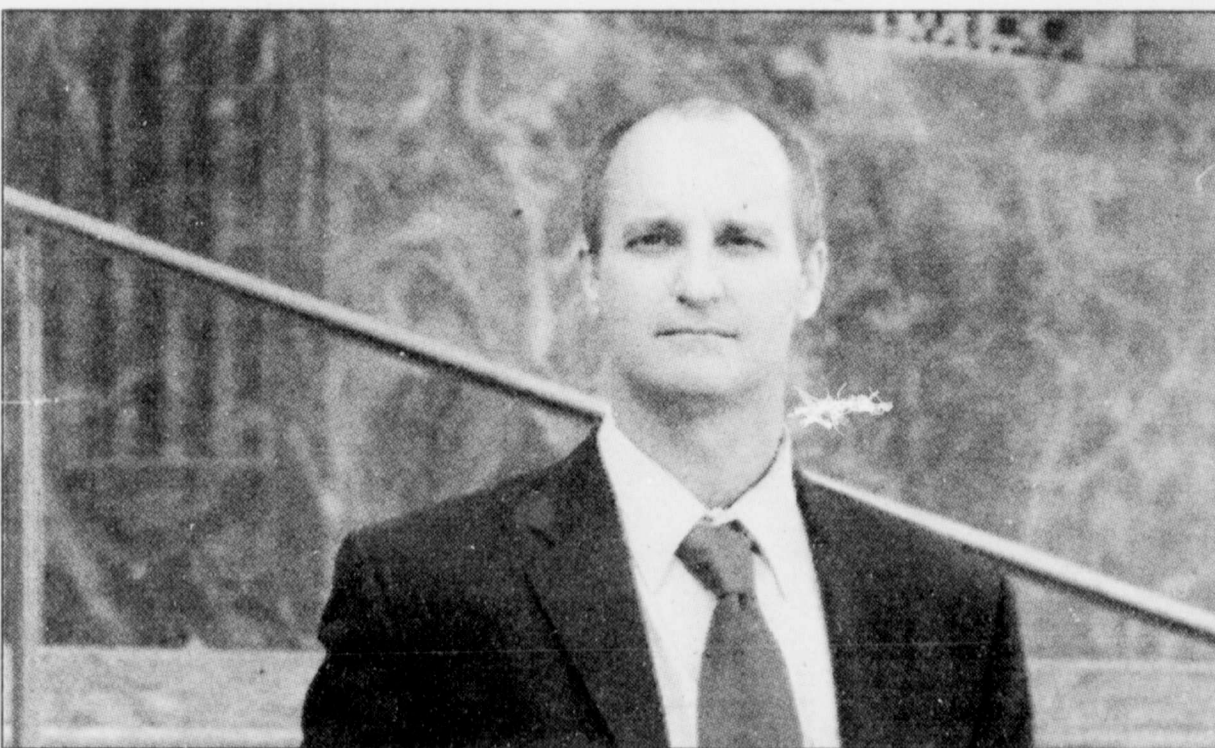
The governor's campaigning comes as opposition is forming to the ballot package.

At the center of the campaign is Proposition 1A, which would establish a rainy day fund and state spending cap. Schwarzenegger and Republicans have lobbied for those reforms and say they are necessary to balance future budgets.

But if voters approve the measure, the tax increases would be extended an extra one to two years. That has energized conservatives

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Local medical marijuana dispensary owner faces jail time



COURTESY PHOTO

Charles Lynch, above, who had his medical marijuana dispensary in Morro Bay shut down by the Drug Enforcement Agency is now awaiting prison sentencing.

Krizia Torres
MUSTANG DAILY

Former Morro Bay medical marijuana dispensary owner Charles Lynch will be sentenced on Mar. 23 in the Los Angeles Federal Court House and may face a mandatory minimum of five years in federal prison for violating federal drug laws.

The jury found Lynch, 46, guilty on Aug. 5 on five federal counts including possession with the intent to distribute and criminal conspiracy.

"(This whole case has) pretty much destroyed my life at this point," said Lynch, who was on the front page of the DEA Web site for a week after his conviction.

Lynch, a former medical marijuana patient and Morro Bay Chamber of Commerce member, opened Central Coast Compassionate Caregivers to patients with doctor's recommendations in downtown Morro Bay in 2006, in compliance with city ordinance.

The controversial case highlighted the conflicting laws state and federal laws regarding the use and sale of marijuana.

In some cases under California law, growing and selling medical marijuana is legal. This makes California one of the 13 states that allow legal medical marijuana practices.

Proposition 215, or the Compassionate Use Act of 1996, allows patients with valid doctor's recommendation to cultivate and possess marijuana for medical use.

But federal law, which essentially trumps state, says it is illegal to distribute or possess marijuana of any kind.

Federal authorities can and have shut down other dispensaries throughout California despite the word of state law.

"I think the feds should stay out of it. It

should be a state issue," agricultural business freshman Joseph Buskirk said. According to the Attorney General's 2008 guidelines on medical marijuana, although dispensaries have been operating in California for years, they are not recognized under the law. The only recognized group entities are cooperatives and collectives. The guidelines read, "...dispensaries that do not substantially comply with the guidelines set forth in sections IV(A) and (B) are likely operating outside the protections of Proposition 215 and the Medical Marijuana Program, and that the individuals operating such entities may be subject to arrest and criminal prosecution under California law."

Lynch, disappointed with the lack of state support on this issue, wrote to the governor, senators and representatives only to receive responses such as, "This is a federal matter. There is nothing we can do to help."

"It's kind of like saying, 'Sorry pal, you're on your own,'" Lynch said.

Morro Bay Mayor Janice Peters and City Attorney Rob Schultz, who testified at Lynch's trial overseen by U.S. District Judge George Wu, gave Lynch the go-ahead with the proposal and even took a tour of the facilities once it opened.

"We, as a council, felt that it was a worthwhile cause to have a dispensary for medical patients," Peters said. "Almost all of us had known someone who had used medical marijuana for cancer symptoms or glaucoma. We were somewhat sympathetic to its use."

According to Schultz, the council had met all city requirements and state laws. "But it's still federal law saying that marijuana is a controlled substance, therefore,

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they're going to arrest anybody," Schultz said. In addition to getting the city's permission before opening his dispensary, Lynch apparently phoned the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) officials who supposedly told him legal enforcement for the dispensary was up to the discretion of the city and county.

This led Lynch to believe he was not going to be violating any laws.

"If the DEA told me, 'No, don't do it; we'll prosecute you and put you in jail for five years and we'll destroy you,' I would've never done it. They never told me that though," he said. A year after the opening, the San Luis Obispo County Sheriff Department, Sheriff Pat Hedges and DEA agents raided the dispensary and Lynch's home, seizing Lynch's personal property, 30 pounds of marijuana and about \$27,000 found in a backpack.

"The federal agents came to my home with guns pointed at me and search warrants. They cuffed me up and took everything from me. I would've never imagined that would happen to me," Lynch recalled.

According to Hedges, the department and DEA served a search warrant. He said they established that an illegal activity was occurring, presented it to the judge, who reviewed it for probable cause and issued the search warrant to go to the location and collect evidence to confirm illegal activity.

"Raid sounds dramatic. This is not unlike any other trial. We issue search warrants all year. It's not something out of the ordinary. Lynch doesn't want to acknowledge that he was involved in illegal activity. He puts a bad light on medical marijuana," Hedges said.

According to the Los Angeles Times, at Lynch's trial, federal prosecutors sought to depict Lynch as a common drug trafficker who sold pot to teenagers and carried a backpack stuffed with cash.

"They wouldn't allow any evidence of California state law to be presented," Peters said. "All they were able to ask me was if I thought Charles Lynch was a law-abiding citizen. All I could say was, 'Yes.' It was frustrating."

"(Lynch's defense attorneys are) telling the media and everyone that Lynch was a poor simple businessman providing care for people who needed marijuana for medical

needs," Hedges said. "These people are riding up on skateboards, bikes, parking around the corner and running into the dispensary and running back out. It's just a bunch of bologna."

San Luis Obispo County has a population of 260,000 people. According to Hedges, over 2,000 people were going to Lynch's dispensary and over 270 of those people were under 21.

"Lynch is trying to convince us that over 2,000 people in this county had serious medical illnesses. That to me is a stretch of imagination. Personally, I don't believe that," Hedges said.

"It has definitely been the greatest challenge of my life to put up with this. The biggest war machine in the world is coming down on just one person, on me. It's a tough fight to put up," Lynch said.

Many people, both near and far, have come together to support Lynch. There were several rallies in Los Angeles and thousands of letters from across the nation, as well as from troops in Afghanistan.

"The only people that seemed to not appreciate what I was doing were the local sheriff, federal government and the people

prosecuting me," said Lynch, who plans on appealing the case during his upcoming sentence.

"It's a waste of money to pay our tax dollars and then have them waste it on something as trivial as this, marijuana. It's violating state laws. That's just putting another innocent person in jail," said biomedical engineering freshman Cody Woodhouse.

Since the onset of Lynch's trial, many media outlets have been giving the case serious attention.

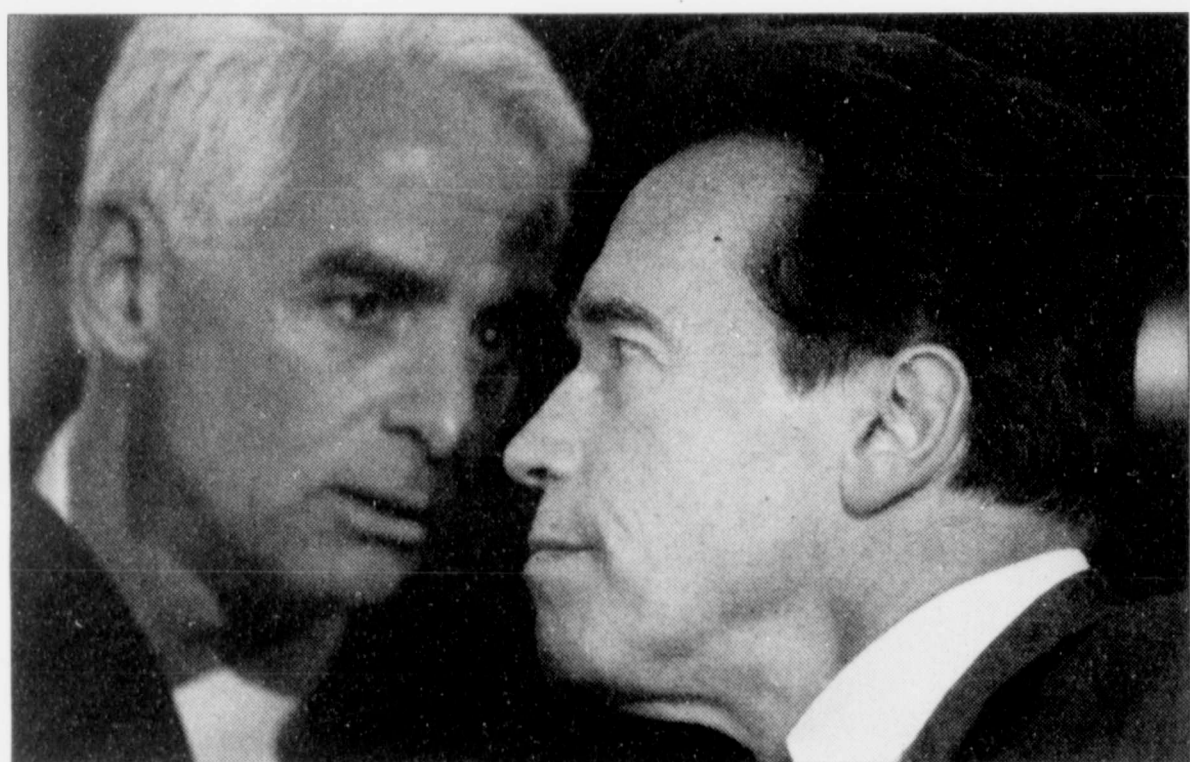
Reason.tv, documentaries narrated by Drew Carey, covered a few pieces on Lynch's case.

Al Roker's documentary on Lynch airs on MSNBC Sunday night.

ABC News 20/20 with John Stossel will air an hour-long special tonight about Lynch's case, titled "Bailouts and Bull."

Lynch has been out on a \$400,000 bail posted by his family for more than a year and lives in Arroyo Grande awaiting his sentencing.

"I think that he has been punished sufficiently for obeying state law over federal law. What we need to do now is get the laws in sync," Peters said.



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California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, right, huddles with Florida Gov. Charlie Crist as President Barack Obama addressed the National Governors Association regarding the economic stimulus package, Feb. 23, in the State Dining Room of the White House in Washington.

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and anti-tax groups.

As Schwarzenegger was speaking to The Commonwealth Club, the influential League of Women Voters of California issued a statement saying it was against Proposition 1A and three others on the special election ballot.

League president Janis Hirohama said in a statement that the group would support real reform to make the budget process more accountable.

"However, these hurriedly drafted propositions, produced at the end of a flawed process that kept both the public and most legislators in the dark, will only make our fiscal situation worse," she said.

The League said it will remain neutral on Proposition 1B, a measure to secure future education funding, and Proposition 1E, which would prevent lawmakers from getting pay raises during deficit years.

Last weekend, two Los Angeles radio talk show hosts who have been railing against the tax increases drew 8,000 people to a protest against the ballot propositions. People tossed DVDs of Schwarzenegger movies into a pile, renouncing the GOP governor as a turncoat for supporting new taxes.

Schwarzenegger said some on the far right are telling voters a "yes" vote is a vote to raise taxes, but he maintained they are being misled.

"No matter how you vote on

the reform package, yes or no, taxes will be increased temporarily," he said. "It's just a matter of whether it's two years or it's four years."

The budget package raises the state sales tax by 1 cent on the dollar, increases the personal income tax rate and boosts the vehicle license fee, in addition to making about \$15 billion in spending cuts. The Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association has estimated the new taxes will cost a family of four an extra \$1,100 a year.

Most of the public employee unions that spent millions to defeat Schwarzenegger's ballot initiatives in a 2005 special election have not yet taken a position on the budget measures. Proposition 1B, which protects future education funding, is widely believed to have been written to mute potential opposition from the powerful California Teachers Association.

Schwarzenegger dismisses most critics of the budget propositions as special interests out to protect their own political clout. He said they already have launched a campaign to confuse voters.

"Our state capital is a town that feeds on dysfunction," he said. "The special interests, left and right, need the process to be dysfunctional. This is how they control Sacramento. This is how they prevent change."

The governor was interrupted briefly near the start of his speech by a male heckler and his female companion, who began singing as she was pulled from the room

at the Mark Hopkins International Hotel.

In a question-and-answer session following his address, Schwarzenegger weighed in on a series of political issues, saying he supports extending term limits for lawmakers, would like to see changes to the state's initiative process and will campaign for an open primary on the ballot in 2010. That initiative was a concession given to state Sen. Abel Maldonado, R-Santa Maria, in exchange for his vote on the budget compromise.

Schwarzenegger said he does not think California's requirement for a two-thirds vote to pass budgets and tax increases should be changed. It's one of the few states to have such a high threshold, which has been blamed for the drawn-out budget deadlocks that occur nearly every year.

He said he is encouraged by talk of a constitutional convention to overhaul California government, an idea that has gained steam since it was floated by a San Francisco Bay-area business group last year.

Schwarzenegger also praised President Barack Obama's efforts to stimulate the economy, taking a veiled swipe at conservatives such as radio host Rush Limbaugh, who sparked a controversy when he said he hopes Obama's plans fail.

"I think that we have to make the Obama administration the most successful administration ever, because then America is going to be successful," Schwarzenegger said to applause.

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Bill could lower birth control costs at colleges



Justin Pope
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The estimated 39 percent of American college women who use birth control pills could enjoy relief from big price increases over the last two years thanks to a provision in the budget bill signed by President Barack Obama.

Students had seen prices for oral contraceptives at college health clinics shoot up two- and threefold — the apparently unintended consequence of a deficit-reduction provision that went into effect in January 2007.

The bill Obama signed Wednesday restores an incentive for drug-makers to offer discounts for the pills, although it doesn't guarantee they will do so.

Still, college health officials were celebrating the news.

"It's been something that all of the members of the American College Health Association have been watching very closely," said Dr. Gregory Moore, director of the health service at the University of Kentucky. "There was a great deal of celebrating I'm sure."

Prior to 2007, pharmaceutical companies had a financial incentive to sell drugs at deep discounts to a range of health care providers,

including college clinics. The drugmakers were also eager to attract young women to products they would stay with for years after graduation.

But the 2007 change meant the discounts counted against pharmaceutical companies in a formula that calculates the rebates they owe the states to participate in Medicaid, and the discounts stopped.

Colleges passed most of the price increases on to students — from \$12 a month to around \$30 at Florida State, for instance — and a few smaller colleges that couldn't buy in bulk stopped offering them altogether, forcing their

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Acne: Another bump from the recession

Samantha Critchell

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Here's another bump in the landscape of economic meltdown: adult acne.

Stress is a leading cause of breakouts, and there's no shortage of that these days in the office of Oakland, Calif.-based Dr. Katie Rodan. Many of her clients are either in the financial field or have husbands who are.

Meanwhile, Manhattan dermatologist Dr. Cheryl Karcher is performing far fewer liposuctions or botox injections but is seeing more patients than ever. "They're all insurance patients for eczema, acne and warts — they're all another hit from the immune system," she says.

Karcher explains that the nervous system and hormone systems work together. "They are tightly intertwined and the nervous system is stimulated by stress. ... I am seeing more acne than you can believe."

A traffic jam or a spat with a significant other can set off a rise in cortisol that causes a breakout, but there isn't usually a collective mass of people experiencing a high-anxiety event like there is right now with the recession.

With a 16-year-old daughter to care for — and college to pay for — as well as elderly parents, Zondra Barricks says the economy weighs on her almost every day.

"My skin is a barometer of my emotional state," says Barricks, a patient of Rodan. "I am trying to take care of myself, behind the scenes I'm taking care of my skin. ... I have to cut back, but I don't want to look the raggedy way I'm feeling."

Dr. Kathy Fields points to a widely circulated Stanford University study from 2002 that found students had more severe acne during exam periods than other times of the year.

"When your cortisol levels go up — and we're having so many spikes during the day — that aggravates acne. Your cortisol levels go up more in one day than a caveman had in one year," says Fields, a co-founder with Dr. Rodan of the anti-acne formula Proactiv.

Makeup — oil-free and noncomedogenic concealers — can be a quick fix without exasperating the problem. Rodan says mineral makeup is OK and some concealing products contain salicylic acid, which would at least mean that if some makeup is creeping into the pores, some medicine is going with it.

Still, it's easier to minimize acne if you get to it before it's fully developed, she says.

If you're not sleeping or if you find yourself picking at your skin even before a pimple appears, she says, you might be helping to trigger a breakout. Instead, use an anti-acne product and manage the stress.

"Try a yoga class," Rodan suggests. "If you're so stressed that it's affecting your skin, then it's affecting the rest of your body," adds Karcher, who consults for Avon. "It would be a disservice if you're just treating your acne, although you do want to treat it. Not doing it would cause even more stress."

Karcher recommends over-the-counter products with salicylic acid or glycolic acid, which can help unclog pores. If pimples are already visible — and especially if you have an upcoming event for which you feel appearance matters, such as a job interview — consider a cortisone injection at a dermatologist's office, Fields says, or try over-the-counter cortisone products.

Some products also contain sulfur, which is an old-time remedy for redness and swelling.

If there's still no improvement then it's time for benzoyl peroxide, Rodan says.

The single worst thing you could do, according to Rodan: pop your pimples. "Infections also increase when cortisol levels are high and wound healing slows down."

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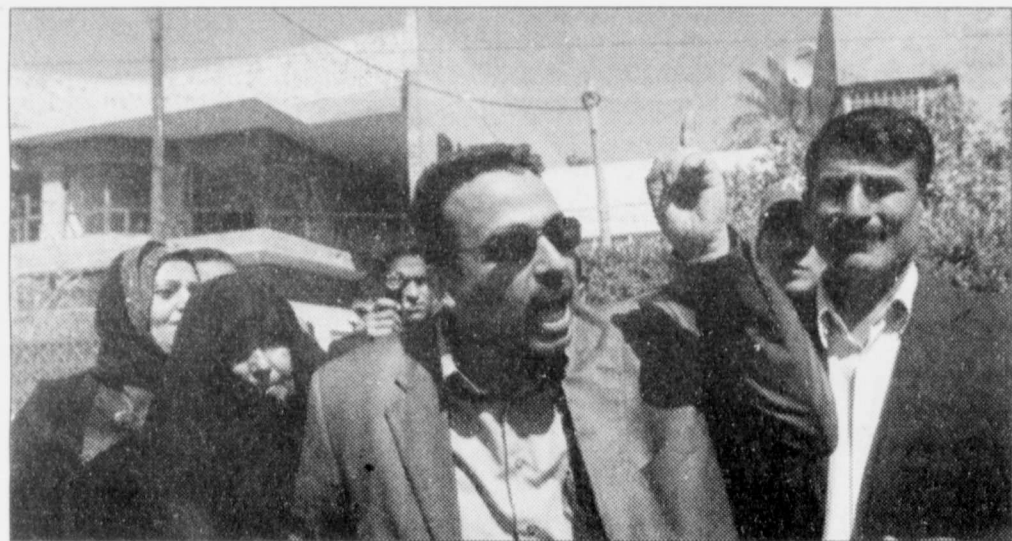
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Iraqi who threw shoes at Bush jailed for 3 years



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Oday al-Zeidi, center, reacts after his brother Muntadhar al-Zeidi was convicted of assaulting a foreign leader and sentenced to three years in prison in Baghdad, Iraq, Thursday.

Hamza Hendawi
ASSOCIATED PRESS

A court convicted an Iraqi journalist of assault Thursday for hurling his shoes at George W. Bush and sentenced him to three years in prison, prompting an outburst from his family and calls for his release from Iraqis who consider him an icon for a nation decimated by war.

Muntadhar al-Zeidi, 30, defiantly shouted, "Long Live Iraq!" when the sentence was imposed, according to defense lawyers. Some of his relatives collapsed and had to be helped out of the courthouse. Others were forcibly removed by guards after shouting "Down with Bush!"

"This judiciary is unjust," al-Zeidi's brother, Dargham, said tearfully.

Other family members shouted insults against Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, who like al-Zeidi is a Shiite.

Although al-Zeidi received the minimum sentence — it could have been 15 years behind bars — his lawyers denounced the verdict and said they would appeal, possibly hoping a public outcry would aid their cause.

Al-Zeidi's brazen act during a Dec. 14 press conference by Bush and al-Maliki in Baghdad's Green Zone turned the young reporter into a folk hero across the Arab world,

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State

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP) — More than 800 birds have been seized in raid at a rural north Santa Barbara County cockfighting operation.

Sheriff's Deputy John McCarthy says it was a significant breeding business with 15th generation top-line roosters selling on the Internet for \$350. Some 496 of the 801 birds seized were roosters for fighting or breeding.

Also confiscated Tuesday were cockfighting videos, magazines, trophies and spurs that are strapped to roosters' legs for battle.

No one was arrested but the investigation continues.

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP) — An 82-year-old Santa Barbara man is dead after eating wild mushrooms he picked and sauteed with a steak.

The man, whose name is being withheld, died March 5 at Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital.

The man had picked poisonous amanita ocreata mushrooms, which are common in the Santa Barbara area, at the Douglas Family Preserve above Arroyo Burro Beach.

His family says he sauteed the mushrooms and ate them with a steak. About six hours later, he became seriously ill and was hospitalized.

Briefs

National

NEW YORK (AP) — Prosecutors are looking into why the new White House urban affairs director hasn't paid an architect for house designs made two years ago — the same time he recommended the architect for a lucrative city contract.

Adolfo Carrion, the former Bronx borough president, has said he would pay when he received the bill. But industry experts say the delay of payment is unusual.

NEW YORK (AP) — Bernard Madoff's new Manhattan home is the size of a walk-in closet, with cinderblock walls, linoleum floors and a bunk bed.

Breakfast will be served before sunrise, and the disgraced financier can stretch his legs outside, but only every other day — in a cage.

The Metropolitan Correctional Center, which has housed accused terrorists and reputed mobsters, welcomed the 70-year-old Madoff on Thursday after he pleaded guilty in one of Wall Street's biggest investment swindles and a judge revoked his bail.

The federal jail in lower Manhattan stands between a courthouse and a church and holds inmates awaiting trial or serving short sentences. Currently, about 750 men and women are behind bars there.

International

KHARTOUM, Sudan (AP) — Armed men stormed an aid agency compound in Darfur and kidnapped three Westerners, heightening fears that foreigners will be targeted in the backlash over the international arrest warrant for Sudan's president.

The three workers for Doctors Without Borders were kidnapped late Wednesday in a government-controlled area in northern Darfur, close to a stronghold of government-allied Arab militiamen known as janjaweed.

The Sudanese government condemned the attack and denied any involvement.

WINNENDEN, Germany (AP) — The psychological profile of a teenager who went on a shooting spree at his former school and killed 15 people began to take shape Thursday, as investigators described a withdrawn young man from an intact family who broke off psychiatric treatment for depression.

But investigators faced a setback as they struggled to authenticate a chat room posting that purportedly warned of a bloody rampage hours before 17-year-old Tim Kretschmer wreaked havoc on this quiet town near Stuttgart, southwest Germany.



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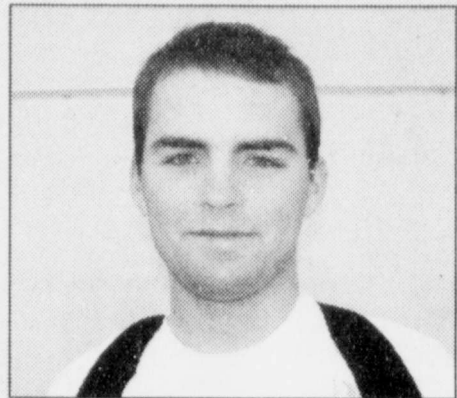


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WORD ON THE STREET

"Do you think California should legalize and tax marijuana?"



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-Harrison Croff,
environmental engineering senior

"I think it would be great. It would be a lot of tax revenue and we need money right now."

-Greg Moore,
business freshman

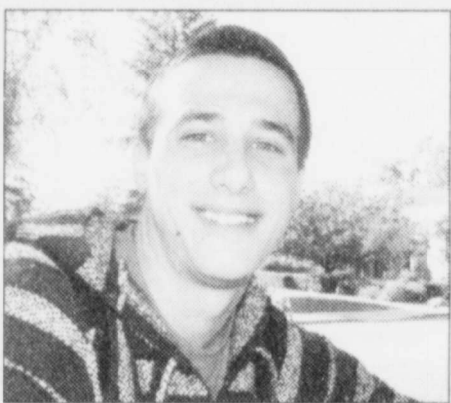


"I guess. A lot of people smoke it and we need money."

-Candice Woodbury,
environmental management and
protection freshman

"After prohibition they made a lot of money and right now in our situation we could too."

-Brad Smith,
business senior



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Relatives of al-Zeidi react to the sentencing in Baghdad, Iraq, Thursday.

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where the former U.S. president is reviled for invading Iraq in 2003 and for other policies.

Many Iraqis interviewed after the verdict believed the sentence was too harsh and that al-Zeidi was a hero for standing up to the American president. Supporters defended his act as a political statement in Arab culture, where throwing shoes at someone is considered an especially serious insult.

But protests on al-Zeidi's be-

half have drawn few participants since December, and there was no sign of spontaneous rallies Thursday after the noontime verdict.

It appeared unlikely, therefore, that al-Maliki would recommend a presidential pardon for the journalist, at least anytime soon.

Al-Maliki was deeply embarrassed by the assault against an American president who had stood by him when some Arab leaders were quietly urging the U.S. to oust him. His aides had said the prime minister was personally offended by such an insult to a foreign guest.

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students to get them at higher prices off-campus. The change prompted concerns some students might shift to less preferred contraceptives.

"For those students where they were used to getting oral contraceptives for maybe \$10 a month, that quickly escalated to the \$30-, \$40-, \$50-a-month level," Moore said. "For many college students that had a disastrous effect, and they maybe even stopped."

Whether drugmakers will again offer the discounts was still unclear.

A spokeswoman for German-based pharmaceutical company Bayer Schering Pharma AG, which makes the popular oral contraceptive Yaz, did not respond to a request for comment Thursday.

Lisa Ellen, a spokeswoman for Kenilworth, N.J.-based Schering-Plough, which makes another popular contraceptive, Desogen, said the company was reviewing the legislation and "whether and how we're going to support the college health clinics with discounted pricing."

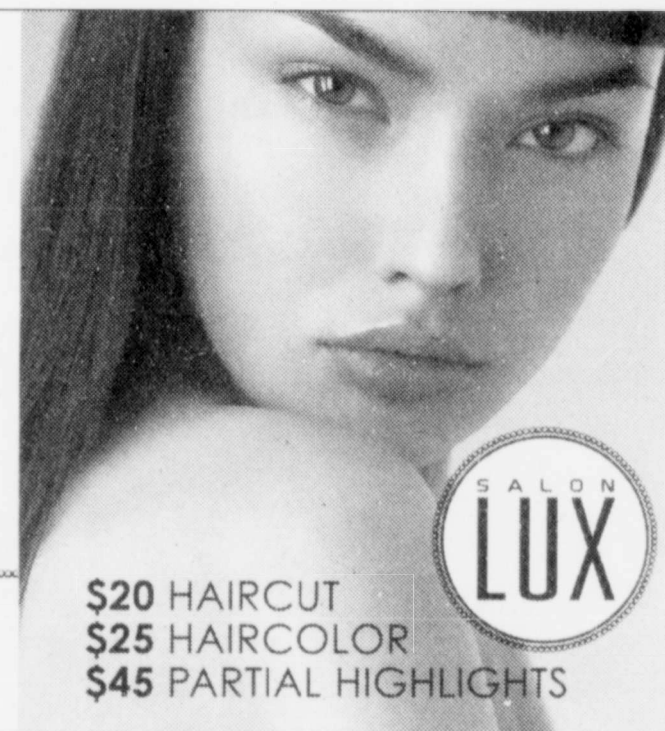
In a statement, Planned Parenthood Federation of America president Cecile Richards called the legislation "a victory for women's health and especially for women who have struggled to afford the rising costs of basic contraception in these tough economic times."

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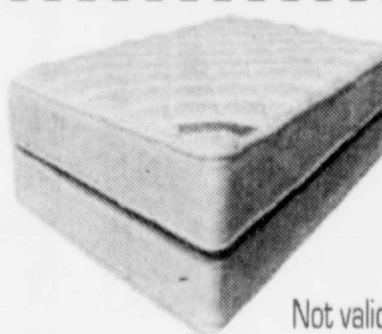
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Stuck in SLO?

Spring break can still be fun

Josh Ayers
MUSTANG DAILY

The drug cartels ruined your plans to go to Mexico, the boss didn't get your e-mail that you wouldn't be in town for the week or you're recession-ing a bit too much to get out of town for spring break.

Don't worry, there's plenty to do in the vicinity of San Luis Obispo.

The following guide outlines activities in or near San Luis Obispo County that are relatively inexpensive but can prove to be quite entertaining whether for an hour or two, or an entire day.

Quick hikes: The Central Coast is home to some of the most gorgeous weather on the planet during the spring. Grasses paint the hillsides and in some areas, wildflowers compete for a view of the brisk cobalt skies. Bishop's Peak and Cerro San Luis (a.k.a. Madonna Mountain) make for great quick hikes.

A fit person can summit each peak in about an hour, providing outstanding opportunities for photography and spotting wildlife.

Another peak, a bit more challenging, is Valencia Peak in Montaña de Oro State Park. The Valencia hike may take up to two hours but its views of the Pacific, Morro Bay and the Los Osos Valley are well worth the trek.

Always bring water when you hike and if possible, travel in a group in case there are any unforeseen injuries.

Plan a day trip to a destination less than two hours away. For those who have a full day to get out of town, but don't want to spend a ton of money, consider the many state parks and national forests that dot our region.

Going north, the Monterey coastline on California Highway 1 up to Big Sur has several day-use stops that are perfect for a day of lounging, picnicking and napping and all are no more than two hours from San Luis Obispo.

The crown jewel of these stops is Jade Cove, a world-sought destination for rockhounds, photographers and scuba divers. Hence its name, the cove is also known for its abundance of jadeite that washes to shore after high tides. Harvesting the jade is legal, but there are strict restrictions on where you can take it from so check with a park ranger before filling up your pockets.

If you're looking for a something different from the coastal experience, head east on Highway 58 and check out the Carrizo Plain National Monument. The California Valley, home to the Carrizo Plain, is considered by some to be the Serengeti of California. During the spring, big game animals such as Tule elk and pronghorn antelope flood the plains for its adequate water supply and lush vegetation.

Play golf: Many golf courses in the area offer student discounts with valid student identification. There are several 9-hole courses in or around San Luis Obispo.

Laguna Lake Municipal Golf Course is a great course for starters or non-regular players. The facility offers club rentals for an additional price and a round will cost you less than \$10 if you're walking. Laguna Lake is a great place to play your irons, has a sweeping backdrop of the Irish hills and on the opposite side, great views of the Morros.

If you're looking to get a little more driver into your 9-hole game, check out Sea Pines Golf Resort in Los Osos. The course, which features four par-4

holes, is nestled at the southern end of Morro Bay and offers visually aesthetic scenery of sand dunes, Morro Rock and Morro Bay.

For the more avid golfer, check out Dairy Creek, Chalk Mountain or Morro Bay golf courses.

All three are public courses run by San Luis Obispo County Parks and can be played for less than \$30 if you can play during off-peak hours or twilight hours. Dairy Creek even offers a student rate of \$10 for 18 holes Sunday through Thursday after 11 a.m.

Host a barbecue potluck: Hosting a barbecue potluck is a great way to share the spring sunshine with other non-traveling spring breakers. Using an e-vite service is a great way to ensure that no one doubles up on what they bring. The best part is the abundance of leftovers you'll have in your refrigerator.

Lastly, catch up with personal pleasures — The week off is a good time to catch up on all those personal pleasures that students miss out on during the quarters. Cozy up to that novel you've been putting off reading or catch up on creating your photo albums. Dig into the right brain and create some art or photography. Catch a free show at a local coffee shop or visit local art galleries.

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Carrizo Plain National Monument is a low-cost option for spring breakers on a budget.

Philanthropist Leonore Annenberg dies at 91

Kathy Matheson
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PHILADELPHIA — Leonore Annenberg, who as the widow of billionaire publisher Walter Annen-

berg continued his tradition of philanthropy and patronage of the arts, died Thursday. She was 91.

Annenberg died of natural causes at Eisenhower Medical Center in Rancho Mirage, Calif., said fam-

ily spokeswoman Kathleen Hall Jamieson, director of the Annenberg Public Policy Center at the University of Pennsylvania.

Annenberg was chairwoman and president of the Annenberg Foun-

dation, which is based in the Philadelphia suburb of Radnor and has a mission "to advance the public well-being through improved communication." She had led the institution since her husband's death in October 2002.

Annenberg was a trustee of the Philadelphia Museum of Art and a member of the acquisitions committee of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. She also served on the Trustee's Council of The National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C.

Longtime friend Vartan Gregorian, president of the Carnegie Corp. of New York, described Annenberg as "a very classy person with a deep sense of civic commitment and an unparalleled social conscience."

"It is unlikely we will ever know the full extent of the Annenbergs' philanthropy because they did not seek publicity for their gifts and gave many anonymously," Gregorian wrote in a statement Thursday.

The Annenberg Foundation, which also has offices in Los Angeles, has given more than 8,000 grants to nonprofit groups totaling nearly \$4.2 billion since its creation

in 1989, Jamieson said.

Walter Annenberg was ambassador to Britain under President Richard Nixon. Leonore Annenberg, known to friends as Lee, brought in her own decorator to oversee a million-dollar refurbishment of the U.S. ambassador's residence in London.

A decade later, she was named U.S. chief of protocol, a position that carries the rank of ambassador, during President Ronald Reagan's first term.

In the job, she oversaw visits from foreign leaders and helped arrange Reagan's state visits abroad. She told The New York Times it was "the first paying job I ever had."

Former President George H.W. Bush and his wife, Barbara, issued a statement saying Leonore Annenberg "will be sorely missed."

Former first lady Nancy Reagan said she and her husband enjoyed annual invitations to New Year's Eve celebrations at Sunnylands.

"Lee and Walter Annenberg were unparalleled in their philanthropic giving that spanned everything from politics to the arts," Reagan

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Poly seniors aim to provide safe water

Omar Sanchez
MUSTANG DAILY

How many college seniors can say they helped save lives as part of their senior project? That's what six seniors from the Orfalea College of Business are attempting later this month during World Water Week and the Tap Project.

"It's a senior project but we hope to do more than that," said Lindsay Bruinsma who is heading the Cal Poly United Nations Children's Fund committee.

The committee will host the event which will take place March 22 to 28 nationally, but will be extended locally to the 30th because Cal Poly spring break falls on World Water Week and the group wants to give students more time to participate.

As a major part of their senior project, the group will launch the first Tap Project in San Luis Obispo using the skills they acquired from their business education.

"We are from different concentrations. I'm marketing, we have some finance and international business. Because it so multifaceted it reaches a little bit of all of our areas," said Rochelle Norwood, one of the six in the committee.

For the past month the six have been soliciting restaurants to join in the Tap Project.

During World Water Week, restaurants will ask their customers to donate \$1 or more for the tap water they usually receive for free.

Nearly all of the project's proceeds will go towards the United Nations Children's Fund's campaign to bring clean and accessible water to millions of children around the world.

"That's the great thing about UNICEF because it's so well connected it's able to do so much without having high administrative cost," Bruinsma said.

UNICEF was created in 1946 to provide emergency food and healthcare to children in countries that had been devastated by World War II. Today it is one of the largest humanitarian and developmental assistance organizations that pro-

vide relief to families in developing countries.

According to UNICEF, waterborne illnesses are the second deadliest of children under five, with 4,200 dying every day of it.

For that reason Bruinsma and her group are trying to raise funds through events like the Tap Project to provide clean water to 900 million people around the world who don't normally have access to it.

UNICEF will distribute packets that contain water purification tablets and rehydration salts as part of the solution to treat the diarrhea which is largely responsible for deaths in children who drink unsafe water.

In addition to providing them with safe water to drink, UNICEF will aim to educate the people of the three nations receiving aid (Haiti, Togo, Central African Republic) about the dangers of waterborne diseases as well as promote safe hygiene practices.

Another issue UNICEF plans to tackle is the inconvenient distance people travel to get access to water in these developing nations by building water pumps.

Since it was introduced in New York City two years ago, the movement has grown from 300 New York City restaurants in 2007 to a nationwide effort in which over 2,300 restaurants across the country participated last year.

"San Luis Obispo is great at community things but this is a global issue that San Luis Obispo citizens can really grab onto," Bruinsma said.

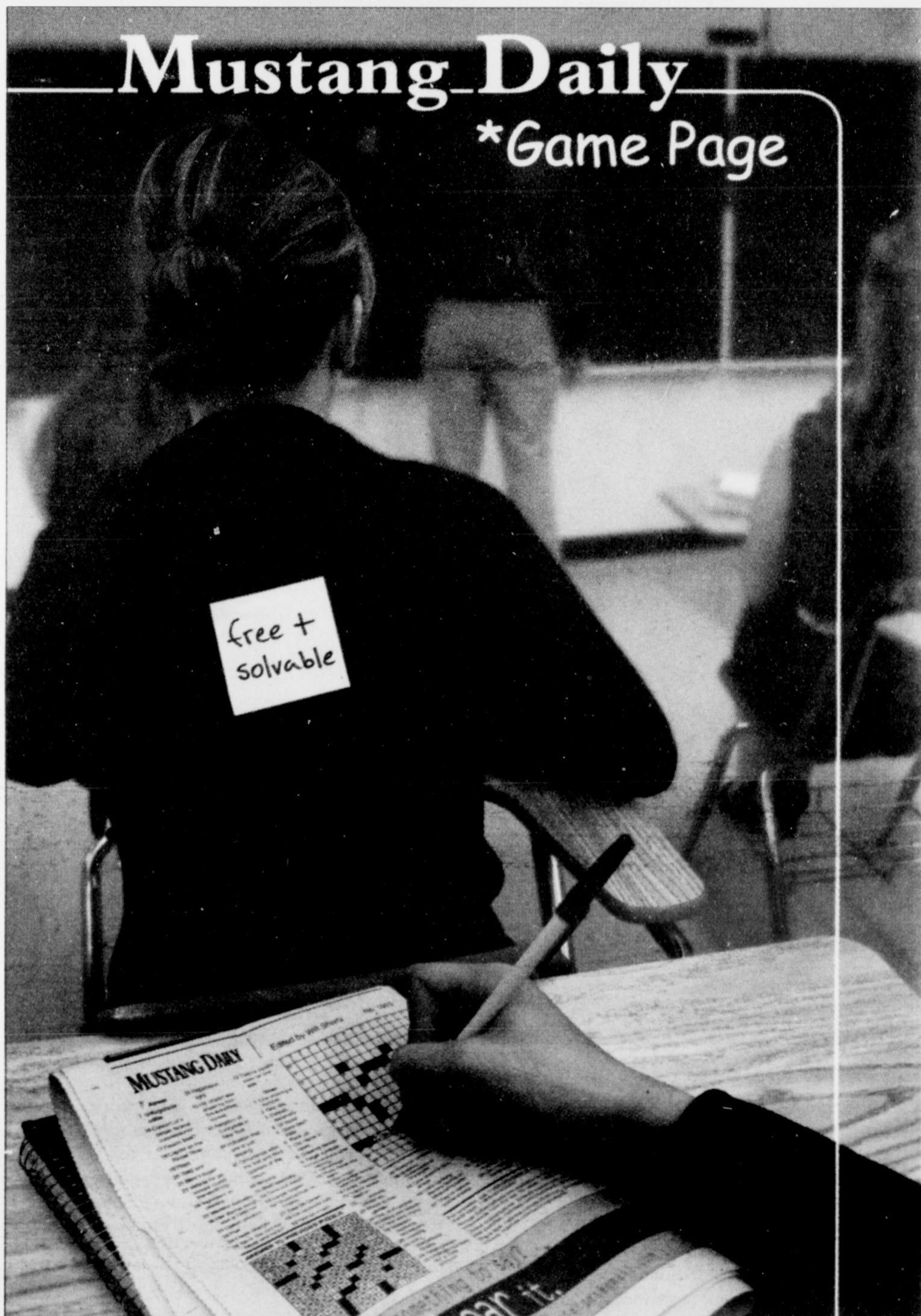
So far three restaurants have registered in San Luis Obispo: Pizza Fusion, Upper Crust, Trattoria and Natural Café. A final list of participating restaurants will be listed on the events website tapproject.org.

Eventually the group wants to establish a club at Cal Poly so that the movement continues year round because "Nothing is more important than children. They are our future. So if we can make even the slightest change for children anywhere in the world, I'm extremely excited about it," Bruinsma said.



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Cal Poly Arts to welcome back award-winning composer



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Although many students will travel for spring break, those who are here on March 22 have a chance to enjoy "An Evening With Marvin Hamlisch," in which the composer will perform with special guest vocalist Anne Lunolfsson.

Hamlisch, who scored numerous motion pictures and Broadway shows, has won three Oscars, four Grammy Awards, three Golden Globes, one Tony Award and the Pulitzer Prize.

"I think (students) will be familiar with some of his songs and I think they would enjoy the concert just because he is very affable; he's friendly, he talks to the audience and tells a lot of stories," said Peter Wilt, program manager for Cal Poly Arts. "It's just a very pleasant evening of great new songs."

The performance will feature Hamlisch on the grand piano and singing and Broadway singer Lunolfsson, whose most notable role was in the Broadway play "Les Misérables." Songs from Hamlisch's most successful and Pulitzer Prize winning Broadway show "A Chorus Line," award-winning scores from "The Way We Were" and a tribute to Scott Joplin for "The Sting" will also be featured.

"He puts out a good show," Wilt said. "He's very

talented. You'll hear a lot of great stories about Broadway. He's a down-to-earth, great guy."

As the principal pops conductor for six major symphony orchestras including the San Diego Symphony, National Symphony, Colorado Symphony Orchestra, Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, Seattle Symphony and Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, Hamlisch is able to tour and travel across the country.

Cal Poly Arts had the opportunity to book the composer for the second time as he is scheduled to perform in San Diego.

"He's a Broadway pop icon," Wilt said. "When he was here before, he was very popular."

Hamlisch was inducted into the American Hall of Fame last year and most recently scored an upcoming film directed by Steven Soderbergh starring Matt Damon called "The Informant" scheduled for release in September. "Every Little Step," a documentary that chronicles Hamlisch's involvement in "A Chorus Line," was released this month by Sony Pictures.

"Anybody who is still here, I would definitely recommend they see it," Wilt said.

The show, held in the PAC, will start at 7 p.m. Student tickets range from \$33 to \$43, but a student ticket rush will be available one hour prior to the show for \$10.

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said in a statement. "They left an indelible print on education in the United States and there are millions of young people that have or will benefit from their extraordinary generosity."

Annenberg was a trustee emeritus at Penn, where she and her husband founded the Annenberg School for Communication in 1958. In 1993, the couple gave Penn its largest gift ever — \$120 million — to endow the school and create the Annenberg Public Policy Center.

Penn President Amy Gutmann said in an interview Thursday that the Annenbergs' generosity was "all about citizenship, democracy and this country, which they loved."

She described Leonore Annenberg as a woman who had "the utmost decorum," yet was also down-to-earth.

"She always had a project, if not a dozen projects, and she had not an idle second in her life," Gutmann said. "And yet she always had time for people and her friends."

The Annenbergs also established a sister School for Communication at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles.

In addition to leading the Annenberg Foundation, Annenberg also headed the Annenberg Foundation Trust at Sunnylands, which focuses on advancing public understanding of and appreciation for democracy.

The Annenbergs maintained a

home at their Sunnylands estate in Rancho Mirage but also used the property to host officials, dignitaries and programs.

With Leonore Annenberg's death, it will be available for high-level retreats and open to public tours, Jamieson said Thursday. Sunnylands houses a wide-ranging art collection by artists including Rodin and Picasso.

Walter Annenberg's father started the family publishing empire, eventually acquiring The Philadelphia Inquirer. His son greatly expanded the businesses, adding the Philadelphia Daily News and branching out into magazines, including Seventeen and the hugely successful TV Guide. He also added radio and TV stations and amassed a multimillion-dollar art collection.

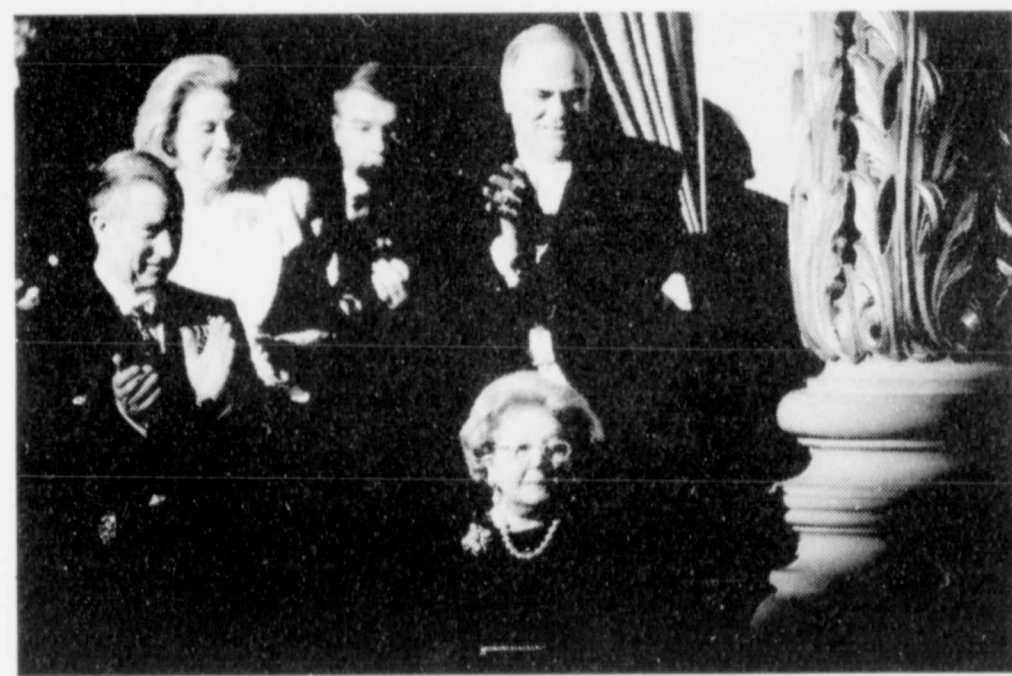
He sold off his properties in the 1970s and '80s, bringing huge sums, including a multibillion-dollar deal with Rupert Murdoch.

Walter Annenberg had a son and daughter with his first wife, Veronica, whom he divorced in 1950. His second wife, the former Leonore Cohn Rosenstiel, whom he married in 1951, had two daughters from two previous marriages.

Leonore Annenberg was born in New York City on Feb. 20, 1918, and later graduated from Stanford University.

Survivors include a sister, two daughters, one stepdaughter, seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Plans for a memorial event will be announced in the coming months.



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In a photo, Britain's Prince Charles, left, Gov. Ed Rendell, center top, and his wife, federal appeals court Judge Marjorie Rendell, second left, applaud Leonore Annenberg at the Academy of Music in Philadelphia. A family spokeswoman says Annenberg, the philanthropist and wife of late publisher and ambassador Walter Annenberg, died early Thursday March 12, 2009, at Eisenhower Medical Center in Rancho Mirage, Calif., according to a family spokeswoman. She was 91.

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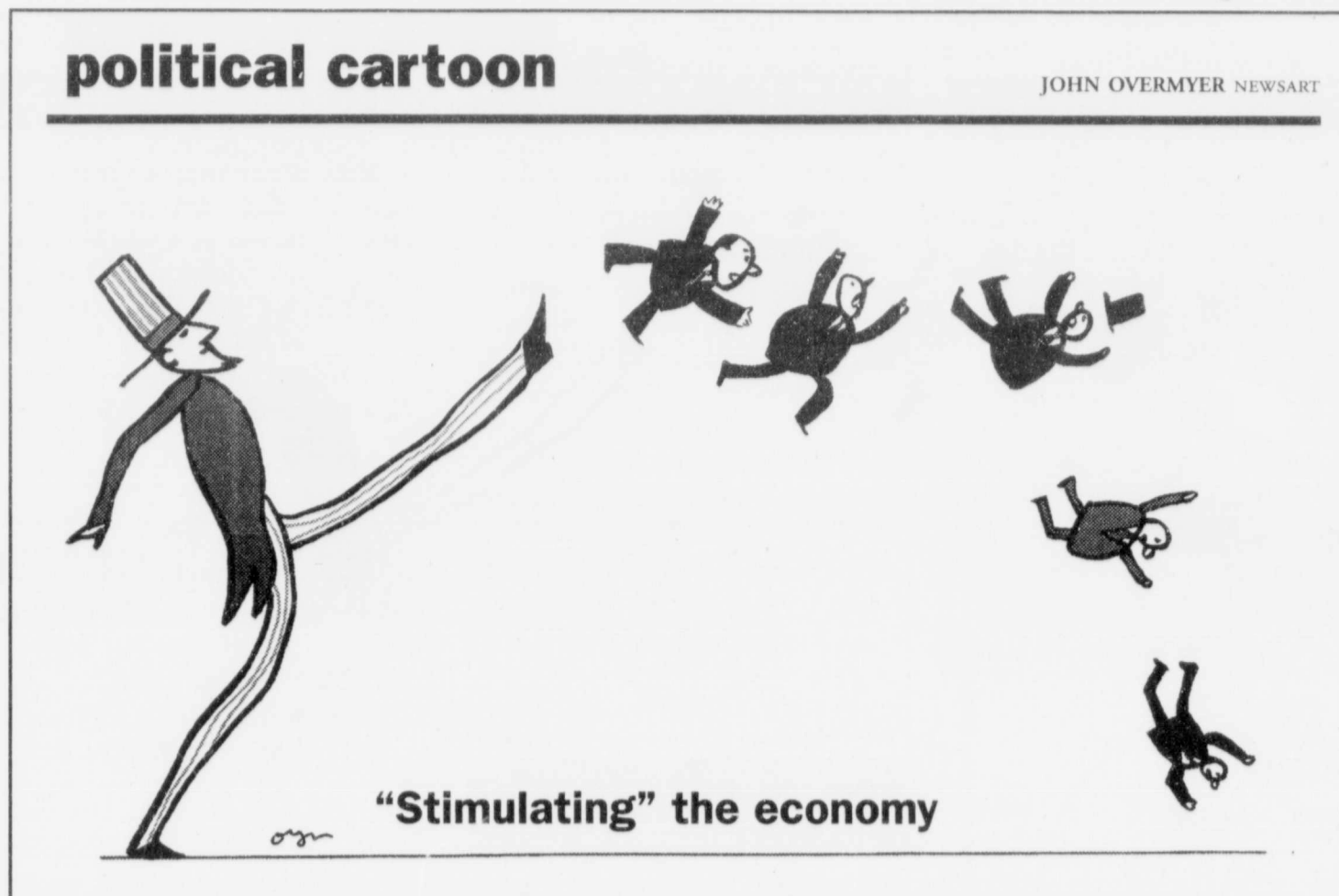
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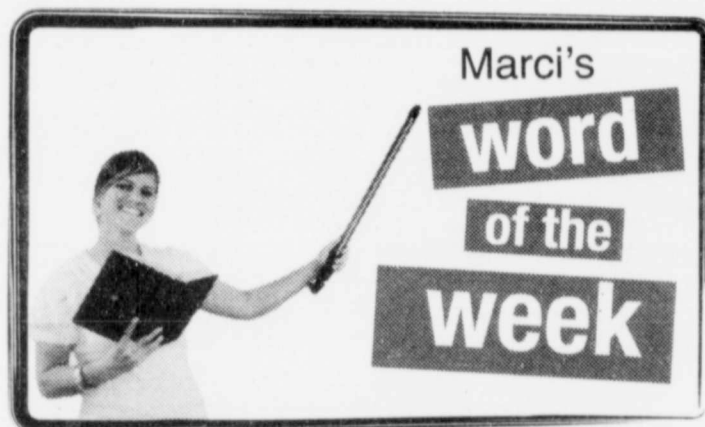
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A spring break guide to "shotgun"



Between traveling by bike, bus and foot, Cal Poly students rarely need to claim a car's front seat. But for those returning home for spring break,¹ the eternal struggle with siblings to navigate the radio and have access to an airbag will continue just as it did before leaving for school. For this reason, I will now discuss the history and official rules of "shotgun."²

The term shotgun dates back before automobiles and people questioning our Second Amendment, a time when people found carrying a shotgun while traveling as necessary as carrying a cell phone today, a time known as the Old West.³

Unable to simply lock the doors of their covered wagons and stagecoaches while traveling through dangerous terrain, travelers prepared to fight off bandits with artillery. To let drivers focus on controlling the horses (no cruise control in those days), someone sat up front next to the driver and performed shotgun duties. So today, when someone wants to claim the front passenger seat, they yell out, "Shotgun!"

The following rules will prevent upcoming shotgun discrepancies and front seat hoarding:

1. A witness (other than the claimer) must hear the claimer say the exact word "shotgun."
2. Touching the front passenger door before anyone calls "shotgun," gains said person the shotgun rights (no

mid-ride claims that require climbing over seats).

3. The claimer must be outside (or in the garage), in sight of the vehicle, and finished with all activities that precede the ride for the claim to be valid (no "shotgun infinity").

4. Returning to the building voids the claim, leaving the front seat again up for grabs (helpful when related to people who frequently make everyone wait while they go back inside to get something).

5. Grabbing the passenger door at the precise moment the driver unlocks the car, causing the door to remain locked, voids the claim.

6. When traveling with multiple cars, claimers must specify the car (i.e. state name of driver after yelling, "Shotgun!")

7. There are exceptions when:

- a. The driver's significant other is a passenger.
- b. The automobile owner is a passenger.
- c. The automobile is disproportionately small compared to one of the passengers.

8. The driver (or Rock, Paper, Scissors) is the final judge as to the validity of all shotgun claims.

To avoid non-rule compliance based on ignorance, one should mail copies of this article to all siblings before coming home for spring break, because, while you may have gained the freshman 15, the back seat of your parents' car has not.

Marci Palla is a public policy graduate student and a Mustang Daily humor columnist. "Marci's Word of the Week" explores some of the more important vernacular of college life, one word at a time.

1. As opposed to those planning on going somewhere warm to forget about the notion of drinking responsibly.
2. "Shotgun" also refers to rapidly drinking a beer. People qualifying under footnote one should research those official rules.
3. Many Americans still carry weaponry with them while traveling in their American made pick-up trucks. My brother is one of them.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Guest column misunderstood college based fee issues

In response to "CLA Students shouldn't have to foot the bill" by Lauren Stupek:

Based on the number of things that have seemingly gone "undressed," it seems that you just aren't paying attention to the situation. Yes, Baker makes a lot of money but the \$328,000 (plus housing and other benefits) he earned last year wouldn't hire more than eight professors; that's roughly one per college, a drop in the bucket considering the impacting of students being imposed by the state.

Furthermore, you clearly don't fully understand what college based fees are or how they're spent. The College of Liberal Arts traditionally puts nearly all of its fees to paying professors and lecturers, not buying equipment. CBFs are also college specific, meaning your fees do not go to the College of Engineering or any other college. They pay for your professors teaching your classes trying to help you graduate on time. The situation is grim and the proposal is imperfect, but please don't do our fellow CLA students the disservice of misleading them through faulty information.

Andrew Deem

graphic communications senior



You are not paying for everyone else. All of the college-based fees are going back to your own college and your own major. You are being asked to pay for your own education as a member of the college of liberal arts by raising the amount you pay, which raises the amount of GE as well as your required higher level english classes. Your college based fee does not go back to funding an engineers lab. It goes to fund other English, history, and philosophy classes. If you don't think that it is worth it, vote against it, but don't vote no because you think that the college of engineering is able to steal the College of Liberal Arts CBF. That just doesn't ring true.

— Sharon

Response to "CLA Students shouldn't have to foot the bill"

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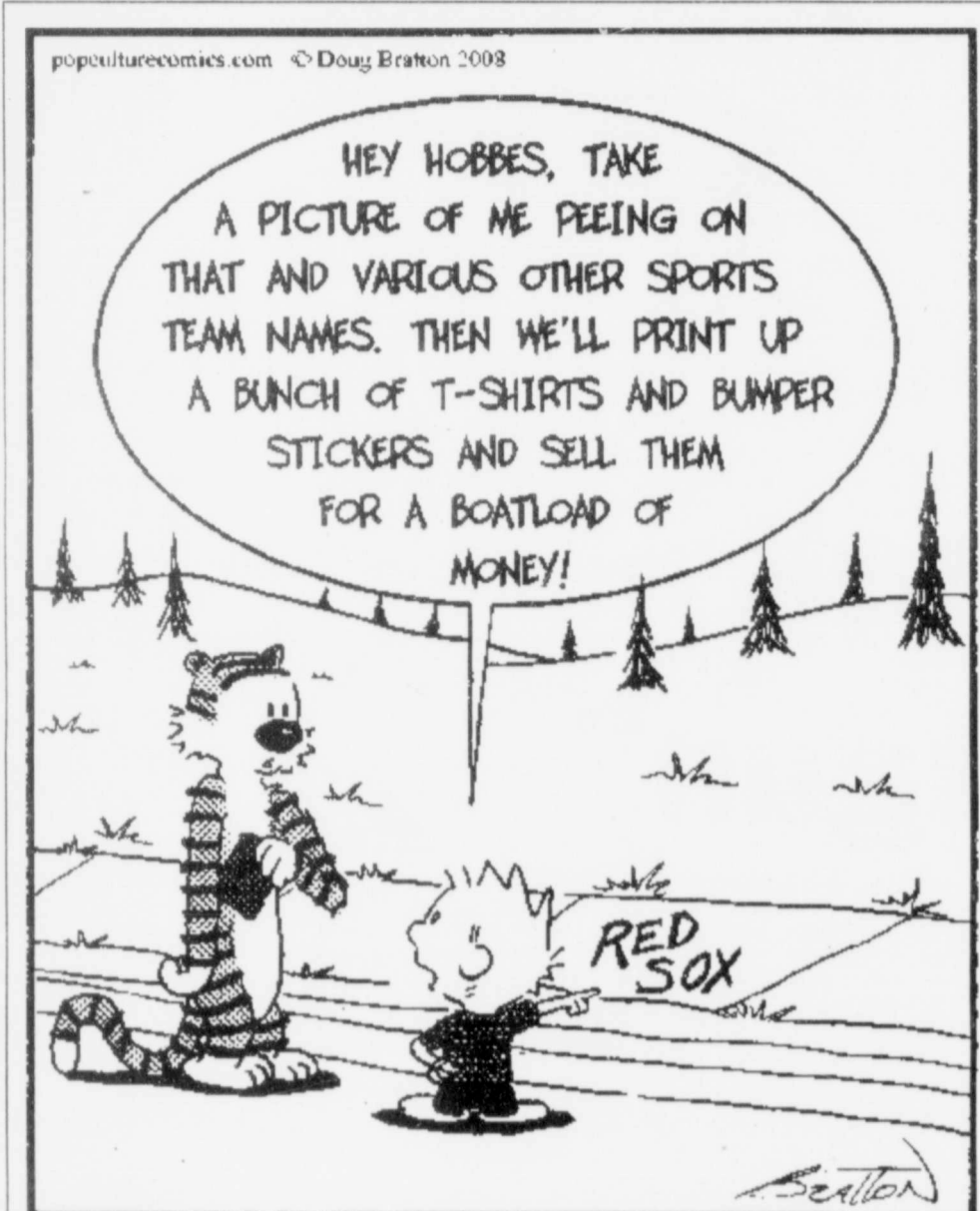
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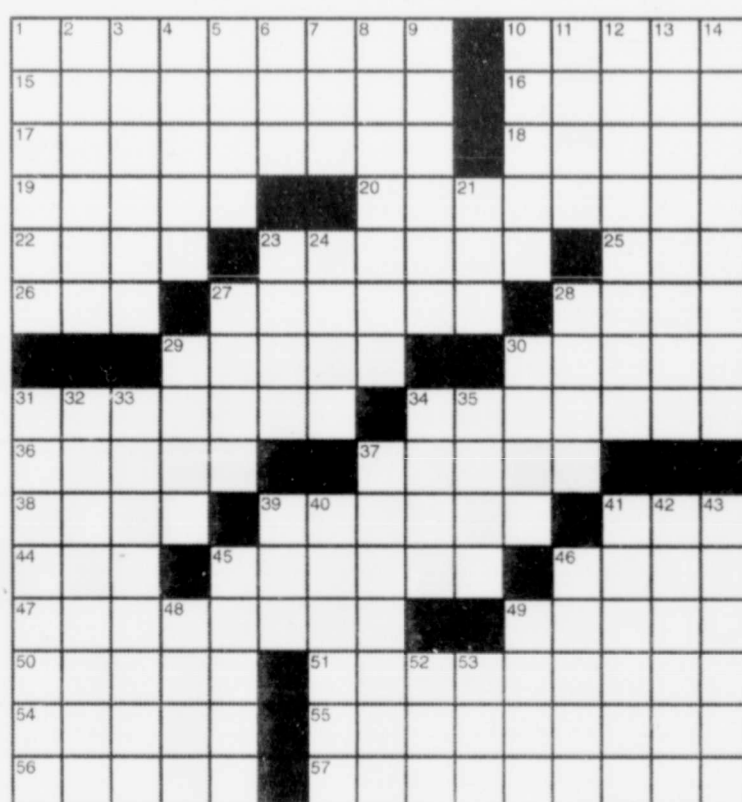
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- 10 It might be worn under a cap
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to go. It sucked, but that was the only scenario that was going to work. That was it for us. And after, you could feel it in the air in the clubhouse. We got Jason Bay — Johnny Ballgame, plays the game right, plays through broken knees, runs out every ground ball — and it was like a breath of fresh air, man! Awesome! No question."

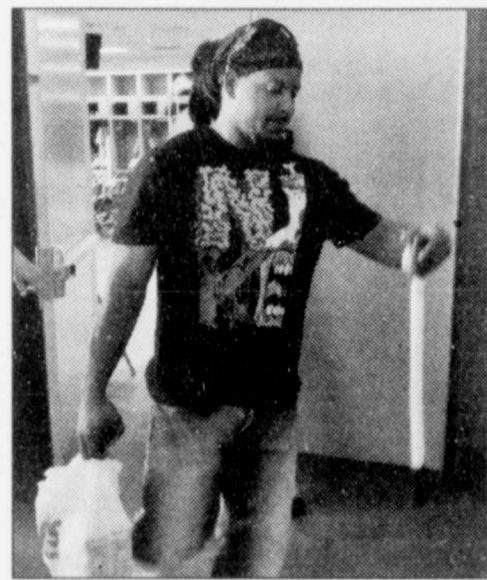
In the Red Sox clubhouse before playing the Cardinals in Jupiter, Fla., on Thursday, Papelbon backed up his assertions.

"I'm not afraid to say it," he said. "If it's the truth and I believe it, I'll say it."

Papelbon also said he had not heard from teammates or anyone else asking him to soften his statements about Ramirez.

"Because I think they all know that's the truth," he said. "If I said something that was out of line, then yeah. But I don't think I said anything that's out of line. I spoke the truth."

"There's no secrets here. So, I'm not coming up with some new big hidden secret that nobody knows about. This is something everybody's been knowing about...and it is old news," he added. "But I know those comments just came out today from a magazine (interview) that I did in the first of December. But there's no secrets here. The writing is on the wall."



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Los Angeles Dodgers outfielder Manny Ramirez walks out of the clubhouse before the Dodgers spring training opener yesterday.

Manager Terry Francona didn't condone Papelbon's remarks, while noting the closer usually says what's on his mind.

"That's Pap's personality," Francona said. "The one thing we don't ever want is somebody criticizing their own teammates. They know that."

Francona would have preferred that Papelbon kept his thoughts to himself.

"Pap is pretty open about how he feels about everything," Francona said. "From my point of view, if I ever have something to say to a player, I'll say it to him in my office."

Ramirez was sent to Los Angeles on Aug. 31 as part of a three-team trade in which Boston received Bay from Pittsburgh. Ramirez became a free agent after the season, then agreed last week to a \$45 million, two-year deal with the Dodgers.

"As an organization, we do what we think is in the best interests of our ballclub," Francona said. "That's what we did. That's what we'll continue to do. The moves we make, I think that speaks volumes enough."

Papelbon said that while some players tried to talk to Ramirez about his behavior, he was not among them.

"Well, I think some guys on our team that maybe could talk to him," Papelbon said. "Guys like me I can't talk no sense into him. I think there's other guys on this team that had a better opportunity at that than me."

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—Cristen Lee
Cal Poly third baseman

on the field defensively. Offensively she's done everything that we can ask for: She's hit for average, she's hit for power, she hits the home runs, she moves runners around (the bases) and she's a big presence."

Attributing much of her success this season to team chemistry, Pura draws from her roots when softball was about having girlfriends and the social aspect of traveling with her club team to various summer tournaments.

"It's just like when you feel comfortable and you trust your teammates and you know that people are going to get it done," Pura says. "It's kind of like a family, almost, and it's good. It makes everybody confident and trusting."

Condon echoes Pura's feelings about the team's chemistry and says she believes it's a tribute to Pura and the other seniors.

Lee calls Pura her best friend and says the "spunky, upbeat" shortstop offers her teammates advice but is also able to be on the receiving end of constructive criticism.

"She's one of the leaders on the team," Lee says. "People respect her advice and when she talks to them."

The Mustangs are currently 16-6 (0-0 Big West) and have won their last 10 games. Calling the team atmosphere "upbeat and positive" Pura says this is the first year she has felt this much unity on the team and it's extra special for



MUSTANG DAILY FILE PHOTO

Cal Poly senior shortstop Melissa Pura, shown above, is one of the most accomplished hitters in the history of the softball program.

her because it is her final season for Cal Poly.

"This year is just really cool, being my senior season and having such tight knit group of girls

(makes) it really special," Pura says. "The program, even from my freshman year, has advanced dramatically and that's really cool to be a part of."

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so we can step up and help."

Mimnaugh stressed that the Mustangs need to avoid a slow start if they are to beat the Highlanders.

"We need to put them off their game," Mimnaugh said. "We can give them nervous jitters to start off the game. When you are the hunted maybe you sense that a little bit more."

In the other quarterfinal game, seventh-seeded Cal State Fullerton continued their surprise run through the tournament beating Pacific to set up a semifinal matchup with top overall seed UC Santa Barbara.

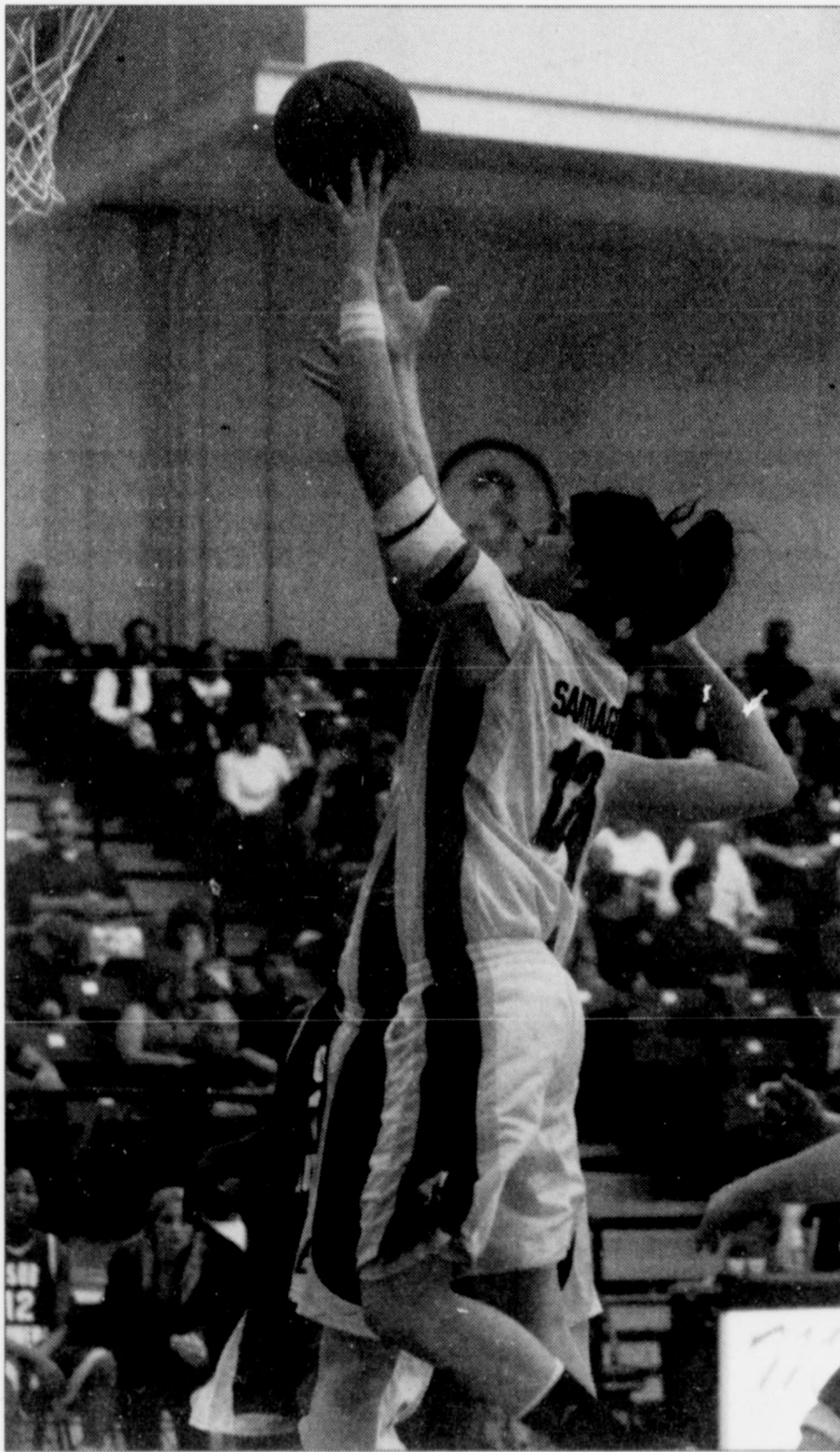
"Fullerton is playing some really good basketball right now," Mimnaugh said of the Titans.

We're just going to put it all out there. If we win we will go nuts and if we fall short on the scoreboard we will be proud of our effort.

—Kristina Santiago
Cal Poly forward

"Whether they can sustain that for three straight games is a difficult task. I certainly wish them well in that endeavor, but they're a lot smaller overall than Santa Barbara and that may be the difference."

There is a significant difference in attitude between the games for Cal Poly, and Mimnaugh said the



NICK CAMACHO MUSTANG DAILY FILE PHOTO

Cal Poly sophomore forward Kristina Santiago, shown above, had a game-high 16 points in the Mustangs' 74-65 win yesterday in Anaheim.

pressure that was on them yesterday won't be there this evening.

"We knew we were supposed to win that game," Mimnaugh said. "Tomorrow we have none of that pressure. We expect to win, but I don't think anyone else expects us to win, it's freeing in a way."

Cal Poly is two wins away from their first NCAA tournament birth, but Mimnaugh said the team will keep a level head as they approach the biggest game of their careers.

"We're just going to put it all out there," Mimnaugh said. "If we win we will go nuts and if we fall short on the scoreboard we will be proud of the effort that we gave. The team is super motivated. They want to win a championship and tomorrow is their next chance to prove that."

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softball



Senior shortstop Melissa Pura has dominated on the field and in the classroom

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MELISSA PURA'S LEGACY AT CAL POLY started before she even enrolled. Both of the senior shortstop's parents received their degrees from the university and enjoyed the school so much that Pura decided she wanted the same experience.

Unlike many athletes, Pura chose Cal Poly because of the reputation of its business school as well as the university's proximity to her hometown of Salinas.

"I kind of went beyond the whole softball thing," Pura says. "I'm really into my education and I know that they have a good business school here so that was really a convincing factor too."

Pura says it can be hard to juggle both school and athletics because of the intense daily schedule, but head coach Jenny Con-

don emphasizes the fact that the women are at Cal Poly for school first and softball second.

The business marketing major is also pursuing a minor in wine and viticulture, but isn't exactly sure what she will do after she graduates. Ideally,

Pura says she would love to go into sports marketing because that field combines both of her interests. Marketing for the wine and viticulture industry is also a possibility, but Pura says she's "leaving her doors open" right now.

Another option opened up for Pura after the Akron Racers selected the softball standout in the fourth round in the National Pro Fastpitch league draft. Right now, however, Pura says she is focused on Cal Poly softball and isn't committed to the Racers.

"It's an honor to be drafted because that means that people across the country feel like she's one of the top players in the country," Condon says.

"I think it's a great opportunity for her," echoed teammate Cristen Lee. "It's a compliment for her ability to play and I think whatever she chooses to do, she'll make the right decision."

Pura began playing T-ball when she was

5 years old. T-ball turned into baseball and when she was 11, Pura's dad suggested she try out for a softball team. Though she doesn't remember exactly why she played baseball in the first place, Pura says she stuck with the sport because she continued to be successful and simply enjoyed playing.

"The difference to me at that time (was) just like 'Oh cool, now I have a bunch of girlfriends on the team and it's not just all these boys,'" Pura says. "That's all I really cared about...just making friends."

Volleyball was another sport in Pura's life in junior high and high school, but trying to compete in both sports became too much and she decided to commit to softball. She says she thought she would be too short to continue volleyball in college.

"I'm happy; I'm enjoying my career," Pura says. "I definitely miss volleyball and wonder what it would have been like if I would have stuck with that, but I'm totally happy. I love softball (and) I have a great, great career."

People picked ahead of Pura in the national fastpitch draft last month

RBI this season to lead Cal Poly

Career homeruns, best all-time at Cal Poly

Most RBI in Cal Poly history

ing her up afterward. Pura's father remains an inspiration to his daughter today and his attitude seems to be reflected in hers.

"I wouldn't even be here without them," Pura says. "My father is a huge inspiration to

me...he's awesome and his positiveness and everything has been really cool."

In her fourth year on the Cal Poly softball team, Pura currently leads the Mustangs in RBI (21) and slugging percentage (.647) and holds the third highest batting average at .353. She has already received two Big West Player of the Week awards so far this season.

"Melissa is a great athlete," Condon says. "She does a great job (and) she's a good leader

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NICK CAMACHO MUSTANG DAILY FILE PHOTO

Cal Poly senior shortstop Melissa Pura, above, has helped guide the Mustangs to a 16-6 record so far this year.

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Mustangs cruise into semifinals

Scott Silvey
MUSTANG DAILY

The Cal Poly women's basketball team expected to win its quarterfinal matchup with eighth-seeded Cal State Northridge yesterday at the Big West Tournament in Anaheim.

After dispatching the Matadors 74-65 yesterday afternoon, the third seed Mustangs (20-10) now begin their journey from the opposite side of the spectrum when

they take on second-seeded UC Riverside tonight

"We're definitely the underdog," Cal Poly head coach Faith Mimnaugh said. "Riverside's had their way with us the first two games."

Sophomore forward scored a game-high 16 points for Cal Poly, who shot a blistering eight-of-11 from the floor in ending the Matadors season.

Cal State Northridge came out very quickly, taking a 9-2 early

lead. The Mustangs had lost two of three entering the game, but they got back into the game and put their bad play behind them, blowing the Matadors out in the second half, leading by as many as 18 with less than nine minutes remaining in the game.

"We're very excited about the win," Mimnaugh said. "We've been working hard all season to meet our goal of making the NCAA tournament and this was another step for us."

The going will likely get a lot tougher against the UC Riverside (19-10) in the semifinal. The Highlanders boast the conference player of the year in senior Kemie Nkele.

"We have to do a better job on (Kemie) Nkele," Mimnaugh said. "We're going to give Megan (Harrison) the assignment to try to lock her down. We need to make her put the ball on the floor

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Papelbon on Manny: 'It's like cancer'

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NEW YORK — Red Sox closer Jonathan Papelbon on Thursday stood by a magazine interview in which he compared former teammate Manny Ramirez to cancer and said Boston made the right decision when it traded the slugger to the Los Angeles Dodgers last summer.

Papelbon was quoted in the April issue of Esquire as saying, "He was on a different train! And you saw what happened with that. We got rid of him, and we moved on without him."

The story was posted on the magazine's Web site Thursday.

"So Manny was tough for us," Papelbon added. "You have somebody like him, you know at any point in the ballgame, he can dictate the outcome of the game. And for him not to be on the same page as the rest of the team was a killer, man! It just takes one guy to bring an entire team down, and that's exactly what was happening."

"Once we saw that, we weren't afraid to get rid of him. It's like cancer. That's what he was. Cancer. He had

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